Deporting of General Secretary

149. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Singapore have deported the General Secretary of Indian Social Action Forum on 13th September, 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes. According to media reports, an Indian national Mr. Wilfred D'Costa, the General Secretary of the Ahmedabad based Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF) was deported by the Singapore Immigration authorities on 13th September, 2006 on the grounds that "he posed a potential security and public order threat to the annual meetings" of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

(c) The High Commission of India, Singapore took up the matter formally with the Government of the Republic of Singapore on September 20, 2006.

Occupation of Indian Land by Dhaka

150. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhaka has grabbed around two kms of Indian land by uprooting border posts along the Assam border and with fortifying their position on the border by digging trenches and bunkers etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to restore the anti-status quo in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.